AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Application No. 09/487,330

REMARKS

Claims 6-15 have been examined

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 6 and 8-15.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 7 would be allowable if

rewritten in independent form. By this amendment claim 7 is rewritten into independent form.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6-15 should be passed to

issue at the earliest possible time. If for any reason the application is found other than to be in

condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney

at the Washington, D.C. telephone number (202) 293-7060 to discuss the steps necessary for

placing the application in condition for allowance.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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